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Subject: Microsoft settlement

I am an electrical engineer working at a telecom research division in Boulder, CO.

I am in favor of ruling as strongly as possible against Microsoft in the current case. The only step I'd not advocate is breaking the company up.

I find Microsoft's behavior in the matters being investigated if not illegal - which I'm not qualified to judge - reprehensible, immoral and absolutely un-American. They're every bit as manipulative and predatory while hiding behind a panoply of legalisms as the worst stories of turn-of-the-century rail barons ever boasted.

Microsoft is clearly an abusive company and near-monopoly. If Microsoft is not reined in, it could continue to foster and force upon an unsuspecting public, mediocre products that have not been properly subjected to the scrutiny and competition of open markets. The result will be a country ill prepared to cope with the 21st-century information age; prone to computer virus infection and poor software reliability.

Punish Microsoft! Share with them some of our pain, please.

Sincerely,

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P.S.: Some history

- > In this case, the DoJ was accepting public input until Jan 28th
- > on the DoJ vs Microsoft case. The DoJ theoretically must weigh
- > public opinion before making their final decision.

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